



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL ZINDELL RICHARDSON



Colonel Zindell Richardson serves as the Commander of the 59th Dental Training Squadron (DTS), which is composed of approximately 240 staff officers, residents, enlisted, and civilians, and hosts nearly 280 Air Force Postgraduate students annually. The squadron executes 6 residencies, 2 fellowships and the Air Force Oral Hygiene Program. The 59th DTS is the largest squadron in the Air Force Dental Service.

Colonel Richardson is from Campbellsville, Kentucky. He began his USAF career as a General Dentist in 2000. After six years in this position he was selected to attend the Advanced Education in General Dentistry Residency. He graduated in 2007 and was selected as valedictorian for his graduating class. During the next three years Lieutenant Colonel Richardson rose in rank and experience at Patrick AFB, FL where he served as the Dental Flight Commander, Deputy Squadron Commander and Squadron Commander for Aerospace Medicine. He was selected and served as the Commander for the 78th Dental Squadron, Robins Air Force Base Georgia.

Before his selection as the 59th DTS Commander, Colonel Richardson served at the Air Force Medical Operations Agency (AFMOA) as the Chief of Dental Program Management as well as the Consultant to the Air Force Surgeon General for Dental Technology Integration. Colonel Richardson and his wife Mishawn have two sons, Bryce and Braydn.

EDUCATION:

- 1979 Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, Campbellsville University, KY
- 1983 Doctor of Dental Medicine, University of Kentucky, KY
- 2001 Oral Surgery Postgraduate Short Course, Lackland AFB, TX
- 2007 Intermediate Executive Skills Course, Sheppard AFB, TX
- 2007 Expeditionary Medical Support Course, San Antonio TX
- 2007 Advanced Education in General Dentistry, Class Valedictorian, Barksdale AFB, LA
- 2009 Dental Plans and Programs, Washington DC
- 2010 Dental Infection Control and Occupational Safety Health Course, Atlanta GA
- 2011 Squadron Command and Director Course, Wright Patterson AFB, OH
- 2012 Air War College, (correspondence)
- 2014 Combined Senior Leader Orientation Course, DHHQ, Falls Church VA
- 2015 Air Force Dental Service Senior Leaders Workshop, San Antonio TX
- 2016 Interagency Institute for Federal health Care Executives, Bethesda MD

ASSIGNMENTS:

1-Jul 00-Jun 03 General Dentist, 48th Dental Squadron, RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom
2-Jun 03-May 06 Support Element Chief, 1st Dental Squadron, Hurlburt Field AFB, Fort Walton Beach, FL
3-Jun 06-Jul 07 AEGD "B" Resident 2d Dental Squadron, Barksdale AFB, Shreveport LA
4-Jul 07-Feb 08 Dental Clinical Element Chief, 45th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, Patrick AFB, FL
5-Feb 08-Jun 11 Dental Flight Commander, Deputy Squadron Commander 45th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, Squadron Commander 45th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, Patrick AFB, FL
14-Jun 11 6-Jun 13 Commanders, 78th Dental Squadron, Robins AFB, GA
20-Jul 13 5-Jul 17 Chief, Dental Program Management, AFMOA, JBSA, San Antonio, TX
6-Jul-Present Commander, 59th Dental Training Squadron

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal 3 Oak Leaf Clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor Device with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters
National Defense Service Medal
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal 1 Oak Leaf Clusters
Air Force Overseas Ribbon Long
Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border
Air Force Longevity Service with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters
Air Force Training Ribbon

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:

2002 48th Dental Squadron CGO of the Year
2001 48th Dental Squadron CGO of the Year
2006 AFSOC, Outstanding Junior Dental Officer of the Year
2007 Valedictorian, USAF Advanced Education in General Dentistry Residency
2008 Chief of Dental Services for AFSPC Small Dental Clinic of the Year
2008 AFSPC, Outstanding Dental Officer of the Year
2009 AFSPC, Outstanding Dental Officer of the Year
2010 AFSPC, Outstanding Dental Officer of the Year
2010 Chief of Dental Services for AFSPC Small Dental Clinic of the Year

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Captain	5 April 2000
Major	5 April 2003
Lieutenant Colonel	5 April 2009
Colonel	5 April 2015

(Current as of May2018)